

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Claims 9, 10, 22, 24, 26, 27 and 28 have been amended to place this application in immediate condition for allowance.

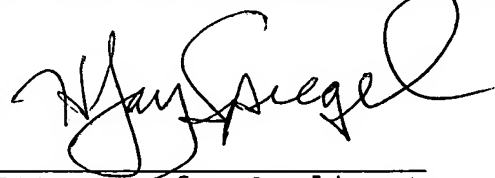
In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 9-15 and 22-28 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. In this regard, the Examiner has first made reference to Claim 9, line 21, and has indicated that the word "when" should be changed to --wherein--. Accordingly, all of the pending claims have been reviewed and this amendment has been carried through in Claim 9, line 21, in Claim 10, line 3, in Claim 24, line 19, in Claim 26, line 19, in Claim 27, lines 22, 45 and 67, and in Claim 28, line 22. Accordingly, it is submitted that this ground of rejection has been overcome. The Examiner has additionally indicated that the recitations of the group of elements defining E¹ are indefinite because they define "metal elements," but include halogens which are known as non-metals. Accordingly, the recitations of E¹ in Claims 9, 27 and 28 have been amended to change "metal elements" to --elements--. By these amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this ground of rejection has been overcome.

Accordingly, by the amendments set forth above and explained above, it is respectfully submitted that the ground of rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, has been overcome. Since that ground of rejection is the only one remaining in the application, it is respectfully submitted that by these

amendments, the application has been placed in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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